

St. John's United Church of Christ Chambersburg, PA July 14, 2024

#### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

#### **GATHERING SONG**

"This is the Day"

**UNISON WELCOME** 

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here"

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**PASSING OF THE PEACE** 

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

**CHIMING OF THE TRINITY & PRELUDE** 

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose the way of God's justice.

We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good, and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Come together, then, to be God's people. Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

We will share with others the goodness we have found in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

\*HYMN #587

"Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound"

**CALL TO CONFESSION** from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Holy God, you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another, yet we fail to love others and ourselves. Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you. Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

**KYRIE** 

**Hymnal Companion C-4** 

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS** from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Siblings, God forgives us and strengthens us for love; therefore be at peace.

\*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

"You Raise Me Up"

arr. P. Keveren

Ginny Cairns, oboe and Barb Motichka, piano

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14

#### RESPONSIVE READING

"To Burn with Rage" (a remix of Psalm 85) by Kentina Washington-Leapheart

I know what it is to burn with rage, smoke billowing from my ears and nostrils.

white-hot fury coursing through my veins, hands tightly balled up into fists of frustration.

I know what it is to be seething from anger (fear, sadness, disappointment)

and I know what it is to feel a deep desire to enact that rage on those I have deemed guilty of not loving me enough, accepting me enough, healing me enough, \_\_ me enough;

And yet you model something different altogether,

not because you are not without anger, fear, sadness, disappointment— I am sure your heart weeps at all the ways your beloved creations steal and kill and destroy and break hearts (yours and that of others)—

yet you model a different way, a turning from, a turning towards.

I'm not there yet, Holy One,

but I am willing to learn.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

Children's Corner will be offered following the Children's Message

**SCRIPTURE READING** 

Mark 6:14-29

**SERMON** 

Rev. Peter Emig

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

**INVITATION TO GIVING** 

**OFFERTORY** 

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion Thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace that we might be a blessing for others. Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love. May they bring blessing to others and praise to your glorious name. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN #285

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

\*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** (seated)

Join us following the service for coffee hour!

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available.

See the deacon for assistance.

**Birthdays this week:** 07/15 Alexis Reichelderfer; 07/16 Charles Reichelderfer; 07/18 Grace Kongkeattikul; 07/19 Sandy Domer; 07/21 Connie Stenger

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Guest Preacher	Rev. Peter Emig
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Cathy Kinton
Lector	Dale Myers
Media Coordinators	Chris Willman-Bunge & Ginny Cairns
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given to the glory of God.



#### St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ as a congregation that welcomes everyone, and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

### St. John's Mission

To grow in love of God and neighbor

**Worship Resources:** 

Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2 "To Burn with Rage" by Kentina Washington-Leapheart, included in The Words of Her Mouth: Psalms for the Struggle, edited by Martha Spong

## **NEWS IN THE PEWS July 14, 2024**

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

#### Monday, July 15

5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen 6:30 pm Bible and a Beer – Trojan Diner

#### Tuesday, July 16

10:00 am Summer Singers Practice – Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Amistad Praise Band Rehearsal – Sanctuary

#### Sunday, July 21

8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116 10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary 11:00 am VBS Work Day

Pastoral Coverage Pastor Caroline will be away attending the Wild Goose Festival in NC July 9-15. Rev. Bob Macfarlane will preach and preside at the Saturday Night Service on Saturday, July 13 and Rev. Peter Emig will preach and lead worship on Sunday, July 14. Rev. Julia Brown (Solomon's UCC in Chambersburg) and Rev. Irene Pouliot (Trinity UCC in State Line) are "on call" for pastoral emergencies. If a need arises, please contact the church office and they will get your message to one of the pastors on call. Pastor Caroline will be back in the office on Tuesday, July 16.

<u>Bible and a Beer</u> will be held on Monday, July 15 at 6:30 pm. Meet us at The Trojan Diner and Sports Bar for Theological conversation, rich discussion and powerful testimony.

**Vacation Bible School** – The last work date for Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 21 after Sunday services. There will be a volunteer meeting on July 22 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Vacation Bible School will run from Sunday, July 28 through Thursday, August 1. Contact Roxanne Davenport with questions.

Summer Singers: Summer Singers will be giving a concert at St. John's on July 28 at 3 pm.

<u>Coming Soon:</u> Stuff the Bus! Collection of school supplies with United Way. Visit the United Way website for more information. <a href="https://www.uwfcpa.org/stuff-the-bus">https://www.uwfcpa.org/stuff-the-bus</a>

<u>Jazz In The Garden:</u> You're invited!! August 9 6:00 – 8:00 pm at the NETwork Community Garden, Redwood/South/Buchanan Streets in Chambersburg. Stop by and enjoy live music, performances and artwork from kids along with appetizers, food vendors, and opportunities to give, meet NETwork staff and visit our garden and ministry. Please RSVP by Monday, August 5 at <a href="mailto:networkchambersburg@gmail.com">networkchambersburg@gmail.com</a> or 717-264-4640.

**Bobby Jo Valentine:** Join us for a Concert with Bobby Jo Valentine. A night of award-winning songs and stories here at St. John's on August 16, 2024 at 6 pm.

<u>Diana's Devotional Corner:</u> Every week Diana Kongkeattikul writes a reflection that is posted to our website. We will now be offering a special Eblast weekly with these reflections/devotionals. If you would like to receive these, please let the office know so we can put you on the email list!

**<u>Volunteers Needed:</u>** Would you be willing to serve St. John's by being the lector/reader on a Sunday morning? Reach out to Judy Hodges via email or text.

**Meditation Group** Henry Hopper will be holding a Meditation Group every Monday at 10 am in the church library. New members are welcome. If interested please contact Henry Hopper at henhopper@aol.com or (717) 660 - 2325

**NETwork Ministries**, a local Christ-centered organization, is seeking two full-time staff members to lead their Kids Club and Middle School ministries with youth in downtown Chambersburg. For more details or to apply, please visit **www.network-ministries.org/jobs**.

<u>A Friendly Call</u> Coming soon – A friendly call from volunteers at St. John's. We want to check in and find out how you are doing. We will be using the telephone number found in the current directory. If that is incorrect, please notify the office.

<u>Online Giving Made Easy!</u> Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

**St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan** Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

**Habitat Book Sale:** The Habitat for Humanity book sale is fast approaching. Sale dates will be October 25, 2 pm – 8 pm, October 26, 9 am – 5 pm and October 27, 12 pm – 4 pm.

## 587 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

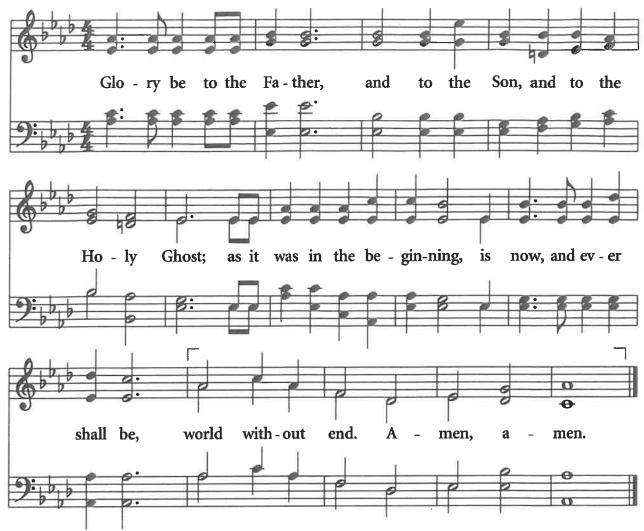


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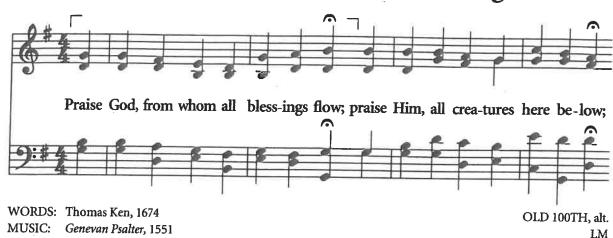


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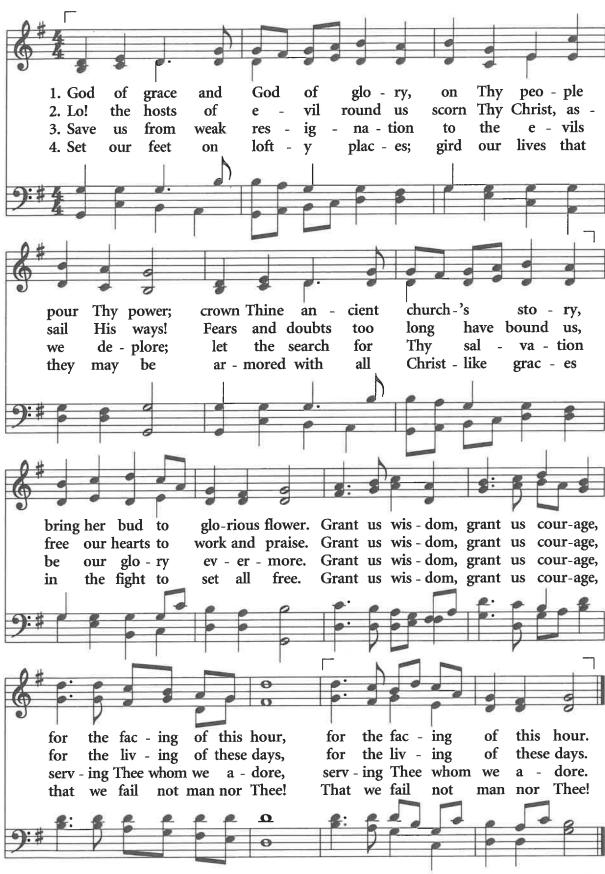
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# God of Grace and God of Glory



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